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To: [Flemming, Tongee](#)  
Cc: [Gibson, Kathy](#); [Talton, Anthony](#); [Johnson, Lydia](#); [Villarreal, Chris](#); [Nixon, Yolanda](#); [Peterson, Chris](#)  
Subject: Re: Status of FWS IA fund request  
Date: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 1:05:48 PM

Thanks, please let me know if I could provide any assistance.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 17, 2018, at 1:04 PM, Flemming, Tongee <[flemming.tongee@epa.gov](mailto:flemming.tongee@epa.gov)> wrote:

Ben,

Per your inquiry yesterday evening, Kathy stated that you contacted David Charters last week and requested he work on the Decision Memo.

We're waiting on the Memo. We can follow-up with him, yet we're unable to move w/o the Memo.

Kathy – will you let us know more the minute you hear from David. Thanks all.

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**From:** Banipal, Ben  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 12, 2018 3:10 PM  
**To:** Gibson, Kathy <[Gibson.Kathy@epa.gov](mailto:Gibson.Kathy@epa.gov)>; Flemming, Tongee <[flemming.tongee@epa.gov](mailto:flemming.tongee@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Status of FWS IA fund request

Kathy,  
Did you hear back from Marry Beth Smith? If not then please let me know

**From:** Gibson, Kathy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2018 11:12 AM  
**To:** Flemming, Tongee <[flemming.tongee@epa.gov](mailto:flemming.tongee@epa.gov)>; Banipal, Ben <[banipal.ben@epa.gov](mailto:banipal.ben@epa.gov)>  
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**Importance:** High

For an FYI: I have asked several times for MaryBeth Smith in David Charters office in DC to please initiate a Decision Memo for an amendment to add funding to this F&W IA. I have been trying to fund this since March. I received a notice that the Decision Memo was initiated, however nothing has ever shown up in IGMS. I have notified them several times and asked that it be resent, and I have received no answer. The last time I inquired to DC about this was last week and I still do not have an answer. I can supply the documentation of these requests if needed.

I believe Holly is with F&W. She does not have anything to do with the actual processing of an amendment for this IA. David Charters is the lead and the IA is not housed in Region 6, but is a National IA that is housed in his office in DC.

Please be aware that nothing can be processed until the Decision Memo for amendment is initiated from DC and made available in IGMS for me to add funding through an Commitment Notice. Therefore, no, this funding (listed below) has not been processed and added as an amendment to the Fish and Wildlife IA.

I suggest Tony, Ben, or Tongee call David Charters and advise him of this and ask the status of the initiation of the Decision Memo.

Thank you,  
Kathy Gibson

**From:** Flemming, Tongee  
**Sent:** Monday, July 02, 2018 8:56 AM  
**To:** Banipal, Ben <[banipal.ben@epa.gov](mailto:banipal.ben@epa.gov)>; Flemming, Tongee <[flemming.tongee@epa.gov](mailto:flemming.tongee@epa.gov)>  
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Here you go! Thanks for your patience. Let us know what more is needed on our end.

Fund P-Pipeline RA-Remedial Action R-Removal SA-Special Accounts	TO #	Grant or Contract Site Name	Funds Approved	Accounting String	DCN	Site Project #
SA		Tar Creek OU5	\$25052.46	18 TR2 06L 000DD2	1806LRR	06TS05
RA		FWS IA	\$31754.47	18 T 6A00P 000DD2	186APLA	
		Total	\$56806.93			

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 26, 2018 4:29 PM  
**To:** Flemming, Tongee <[flemming.tongee@epa.gov](mailto:flemming.tongee@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Status of FWS IA fund request

Tongee,  
Please confirm that this funding was processed. I need to tell Barry.  
Ben

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**From:** Banipal, Ben  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2018 10:38 AM  
**To:** Flemming, Tongee <[flemming.tongee@epa.gov](mailto:flemming.tongee@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Nixon, Yolanda <[Nixon.Yolanda@epa.gov](mailto:Nixon.Yolanda@epa.gov)>; Talton, Anthony <[Talton.Anthony@epa.gov](mailto:Talton.Anthony@epa.gov)>  
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I have already shared this email with you on June 6<sup>th</sup> (see attached) that consist of Barry's estimates, please refer to this attached email.

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2018 10:13 AM  
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Ben,

What funding action are you referring to? How much?

This isn't helpful at all, and if the individual is looking for travel monies to support you, when was this request submitted and to whom?

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**From:** Banipal, Ben  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2018 10:03 AM  
**To:** Talton, Anthony <[Talton.Anthony@epa.gov](mailto:Talton.Anthony@epa.gov)>; Flemming, Tongee <[flemming.tongee@epa.gov](mailto:flemming.tongee@epa.gov)>  
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Please let me know the status of this funding action?

**From:** Forsythe, Barry [[mailto:barry\\_forsythe@fws.gov](mailto:barry_forsythe@fws.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 21, 2018 9:44 AM  
**To:** Banipal, Ben <[banipal.ben@epa.gov](mailto:banipal.ben@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Herod, Holly <[holly\\_herod@fws.gov](mailto:holly_herod@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** Status of FWS IA fund request

Ben,

I'm scheduled to be in DC next week and will be meeting with Holly. Has there been anymore discussion or action on the proposed funding of my support to R6 Superfund? I know Holly will want to discuss workload management and I'll need to know if I should factor in support of the 3 EPA projects (Tar Creek, Delta Shipyards and Wilcox Oil).

Thank you,

Barry

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